

ABSTRACT OF INFORMATION ON COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SUDANESE RED CRESCENT

Although Communists have been represented on the Central Committee of the Sudanese Red Crescent Society for some time, it was not until 1958 that they made concerted efforts to gain control of the society's governing body.

The Central Committee of the Red Crescent is elected by the society's General Assembly, a group which includes former Central Committee members, chairmen of local committee councils, and representatives of local committees whose numbers vary according to the size of local membership. Prior to the 1958 General Assembly meeting, the Sudan Communist Party engaged in a recruitment campaign for the Red Crescent, thereby gaining increased representation at the General Assembly. Furthermore, Khadija Sifwat, a known pro-Communist and "clerical secretary" of the Red Crescent, neglected to send notices of the scheduled General Assembly meeting to a number of non-Communist members, and to those to whom she did send notices, she included a list of Central Committee candidates.

Consequently, the Communists selected at least seven of the ten members of the new Central Committee. Miss Fatma Ahmad Ibrahim, reportedly a "dangerous Communist," was named Secretary General of the organization and allegedly is doing most of its work.

Since the elections, according to protests of non-Communist members of the society, the facilities of the Red Crescent have been misused and directed toward Communist activities. The following examples have been cited:

1. Red Crescent ambulances have been used to deliver propaganda and invitations to Communist-sponsored events.
2. The money in the treasury at the time the new committee took over has been used for salaries and other than Red Crescent activities. All salaries have been raised whereas formerly the leadership worked either voluntarily or for nominal salaries.
3. Revisions to the constitution are being adopted which will obviate the necessity for certain financial reports currently required.
4. Communist propaganda material has reportedly been prepared in the Red Crescent office.

Listed below is some biographical data on five of the most active Communists elected to the Central Committee of the Sudanese Red Crescent.

1. Dawlat Muhammad Hasan, member of the Sudanese Women's Union fraction of the Sudanese Communist Party and assistant editor of Al-Baath, organ of the women's union.

2. Mahasin 'Abd-al-A'l, member of the Sudanese Women's Union fraction committee of the Sudanese Communist Party.

3. Fatma Ahmed Ibrahim, head of the Sudanese Women's Union fraction committee of the Sudanese Communist Party and editor of Al-Baath.

4. Khadija Safwat is reportedly responsible for the peace movement within the women's circles and in March, 1958, she used the facilities of the Red Crescent for printing Peace Committee publications.

5. Rashid Nayil, a lawyer and president of the Sudanese Peace Committee. He is allegedly the person designated by the Sudan Communist Party to receive money from the Soviet Embassy for Communist activities in the Sudan.